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Attention: Jeff Kersten
Budget and Strategic Planning Manager
City of College Station
1101 Texas Ave.
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**RE: The Children's Museum of the Brazos Valley
Grant Application**

It is with great excitement that we are submitting the following proposal to the City of College Station in the amount of \$150,000 for your consideration. The proposal is to provide funding to support a community-driven comprehensive campaign, *Partners in Discovery*. Specifically, funding is requested for the expansion and restoration of our new home, and to support the development of the educational exhibits that will enhance the programming and enrich the lives of children, parents, teachers and caretakers, and provide many opportunities for exploration.

What is so unique about this program is that it has served as a catalyst for the development of collaborative efforts throughout Bryan and College Station. **This program has brought together the two cities of Bryan and College Station for a common purpose.** The Mayors, school superintendents and community leaders from both Bryan and College Station have committed to raising funds from local sources. A community has come together to combine local resources to provide increased educational opportunities for young children and families in the Brazos Valley. This program is the only one like it in the state of Texas and has drawn the interest of local, state and national leaders. **Laura Bush, First Lady of the United States**, stated the relocation of the Children's Museum "as a wonderful way to connect the past with our future so that it can be a place of learning and enjoyment for children." Finally, with the assistance of the **former First Lady of the United States, Barbara Bush, serving as the Honorary Chairperson**, the museum seeks to raise 1.5 million dollars to restore this historic landmark and expand our current programming opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to apply for funding. Broad community support, including the financial support of local foundations and trusts, is essential to the success of this comprehensive program. **The support of the City of College Station is critical both to the development of our expanded programming and to the success of our efforts to attract funding from non-local foundations.** We are very excited about this unique, collaborative effort addressing a vital historic, educational, social, and cultural community need. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Lee Ann Heath
Executive Director